

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America have shown the highest form of citizenship in making major contributions through the defense of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the service performed by thousands of Idahoans and millions of other gallant Americans, demonstrates our citizens' willingness to meet the challenges of outside forces that wish to subjugate our nation through armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, every single day Americans, Idahoans, and all citizens of the free world celebrate the contributions of our veterans in their own unique way; and

WHEREAS, we as citizens of a free country owe a debt to those who have served our country proud and paid the price for freedom with their own lives; and

WHEREAS, this price for freedom is most visible in areas such as the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of February 13 through 19, 2005, to be

SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS WEEK

in Idaho, we will never forget the price paid for our freedoms.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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